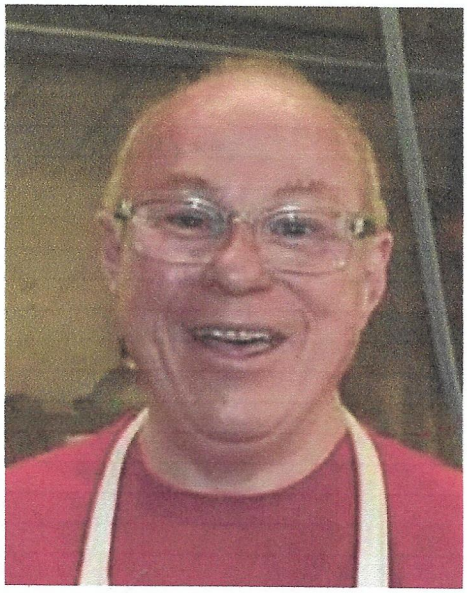

Garage layout key to earning honor

David Barron earns MMR 200

David Barron's earliest exposure to the model railroad hobby was in true tinplate tradition. His introduction to the hobby consisted of a Marx, O-27 train which circumnavigated a large, old-fashioned "octopus" furnace in his basement.

After his initial experience with toy trains, David became more serious with a switch to two-rail consisting of an American Flyer, HO-scale layout built on 4x8' plywood benchwork with the help f his dad.

While in high school, David became a junior member of the Valley Model Railroad Club of South Elgin, Ill. When not at the club, David could usually be found at Shickler's Tobacco and Hobby Store in Elgin. Here, his association with older, scale modelers fostered an interest in early scratchbuilding efforts in structures, cars and track.

After graduation from high school, David's model building endeavors were interrupted by a two-year enlistment in the U.S. Army. Shortly after his enlistment was up, David married and moved to an apartment where he built a bookshelf layout featuring hand-laid track.

During this time, David also enjoyed the antique automobile hobby and constructed a 1922 Model T Ford Speedster with a torpedo body. He wrote his first magazine article, a construction synopsis which appeared in *Model T Ford Times.*

In 1974 David joined the NMRA. He and his wife Ann moved their present home in Orlando, Fla. Utilizing two stalls of their three-car garage, construction began on the Mule Pass and Woodland, a western-style layout featuring operation in both standard-gauge and HOn3. This model railroad became the nucleus of David's attainment of MMR.

In 1991 David became involved in the Achievement Program. He is an active contest modeler in the Sunshine Region, having won many first-place awards. He holds certificates in cars, structures, scenery, civil, electrical, volunteer and author.

David is also actively serving as Sunshine Region secretary, AP department vice chairman, Eastern Division representative.

David hopes his attainment of MMR will provide the credentials to teach other people how to enjoy the model railroad hobby.•

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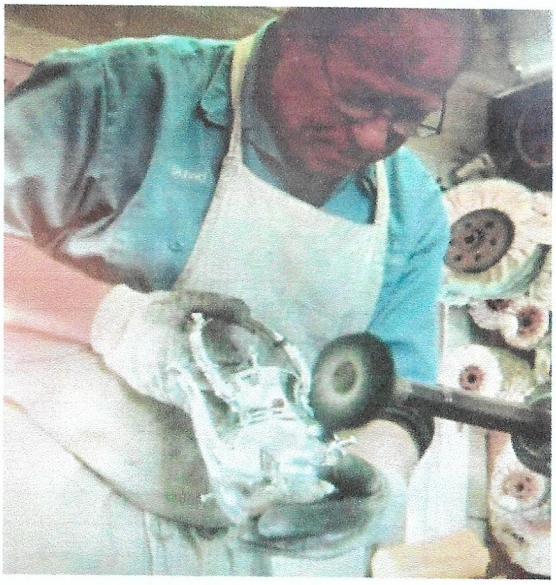
David Barron Obituary (D) May 2020

The small business communities of Orlando and Winter Park lost a long time member this month. David Barron, owner and proprietor of Barron's Silver Clinic, located at 1880 Kentucky Avenue, passed away on May 18th, 2020. Barron's Silver Clinic, which has been in operation in Central Florida since 1959, was founded by David's father, Clinton Barron.

David himself took over the business from his father 40 years ago. He will be as remembered for his easy laugh and friendly nature as his father is remembered for his little paper newsprint hats.



David was passionate about young people, education, and the trades. As a young man he studied at UCF hoping to become a professor, but instead began working at his dad's shop after graduation. Even so he never lost his insatiable appetite for learning, and was an avid reader.

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He spent many of his working hours listening to audiobooks on every subject: history, language,
art, the classics, and religion. He spent many weekends at the Downtown Orlando and Winter Park libraries.

David M. Barron always encouraged his children to be well read, and had a book to suggest for every subject. But he was also passionate about hard work, and encouraged his kids in that, as well. He believed that nothing made one happier or brought more satisfaction than a good hard day's work.